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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

AN ACT

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to
conduct a study on the use of Civil Air Patrol personnel
and resources to support homeland security missions,
and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CIVIL AIR PATROL STUDY.**

2 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
3 States shall conduct a study of the functions and capabili-
4 ties of the Civil Air Patrol to support the homeland secu-
5 rity missions of State, local, and tribal governments and
6 the Department of Homeland Security. In conducting the
7 study, the Comptroller General shall review the process
8 by which the Civil Air Patrol may provide assistance to
9 the Secretary of Homeland Security, other Federal agen-
10 cies, and States to support homeland security missions
11 by—

12 (1) providing aerial reconnaissance or commu-
13 nications capabilities for border security;

14 (2) providing capabilities for collective response
15 to an act of terrorism, natural disaster, or other
16 man-made event by assisting in damage assessment
17 and situational awareness, conducting search and
18 rescue operations, assisting in evacuations, trans-
19 porting time-sensitive medical or other materials;

20 (3) providing assistance in the exercise and
21 training of departmental resources responsible for
22 the intercept of aviation threats to designated re-
23 stricted areas; and

24 (4) carrying out such other activities as may be
25 determined appropriate by the Comptroller General
26 in the conduct of this review.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
3 submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Com-
4 mittees on Homeland Security and Transportation and In-
5 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
6 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
7 of the Senate a report containing the findings of the re-
8 view conducted under subsection (a). The report shall in-
9 clude—

10 (1) an assessment of the feasibility and cost ef-
11 fectiveness of using Civil Air Patrol assets for the
12 purposes described in subsection (a); and

13 (2) an assessment as to whether the current
14 mechanisms for Federal agencies and States to re-
15 quest support from the Civil Air Patrol are sufficient
16 or whether new agreements between relevant Federal
17 agencies and the Civil Air Patrol are necessary.

18 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
19 after the date of receipt of the report under subsection
20 (b), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall review and
21 analyze the study and submit to the Committees on Home-
22 land Security and Transportation and Infrastructure of
23 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
24 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
25 ate a report on such review and analysis, which shall in-

1 clude any recommendations of the Secretary for further
2 action that could affect the organization and administra-
3 tion of the Department of Homeland Security.

Passed the House of Representatives May 12, 2009.

Attest:

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk.